FROM THE HARVEST FIELDS.

What Dun's Correspondents Say of the Crop Outlook.

SPLENDID SHOWING EVEN FOR NEBRASKA.

Most Eucouraging Prospect for Bountiful Yield of Grain Ever Known in the History of the State.

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Adams County.

The principle crop here last year was corn, although on account of hot winds and drouth this was very light. There is a considerable diversity of crops, farmers growing with success oats, wheat, barley, flax and rye. So far as we can learn about the usual acreage was planted this year, the corn crop predominating. None of the crops have matured yet, although rye, wheat and oats will soon be ready for harvest. These promise an ex-cellent yield and unless damaged by rain during harvest will soon relieve the monetary pressure among the farmers. Corn is look-ing very fine, but owing to continued rains ds are looking rather weedy. However, this is the case only where the farmer snort of teams to improve all the good

Collections are and will be very slow until next fall. Business men and farmers are confident of a good year and if not disap-pointed in crops we will close the year in excellent condition.

Antelope County.

The principal crop here last year was corn, but on account of hot winds and drouth was almost a failure. Corn will be the principal crop this year there being about 1-20 per cent more acreage than last year and prospect for a good crop the very best.

Small grain is in excellent condition and will yield well if not damaged during barvest by rains. Collections are slow, but seem to be improving. Trade with merchants is im-proving. With good crops and fair prices the farmers will be in better financial condition this fall than they have ever been.

Brown County.

Principal crops, corn and wheat. Acreage of corn, 100; wheat, 130. Potators are a very valuable crop with us. Oats yield very poorty; price low; very few raised for home use; none to ship. We have never had a total failure of crops, but have had several partial failures on account of rain not coming when needed in July and August. Owing to the shortage in crops last year a great many were obliged to porrow money on their lands, then left the county, mortgages and all. As far as those who remained here are con-cerned collections are good, crop prospects never better and the future of our merchants is good, so much so that any farmer can get all be wants on time. It rained nineteen days out of twenty-five in the month of June. Temperature is above the normal, as is also sunshine, which is very beneficial to corn and gardens. Wheat prospects have gained rapidly, there being no damages from insects, excessive floods, heavy winds or ex ceasive heat, as is usual at this time of the year. Meadows are looking fine and prospects for a heavy crop of hay never better. Corn is short but color good and growing rapidly.

Box Butte County. The principal crops planted last year were

corn, wheat, oats and potatoes, which were almost an entire failure, not one farmer in ten getting his seed back. In some places corn and potatoes were about half a crop. This year prospects for all kinds of crops are good except corn, the weather being a trifle cool for it; but in case warm weather sets in corn will probably produce considerable for feed, but nothing for shipment. The prin cipal crop this year is wheat and oats. age small, not more than one-half of last year, owing to many having left the county and others not able to get seed. Crops are look-Wheat can safely be estimated at twenty bushels per acre and oats at thirty five unless something unforeseen occurs to destroy it. It will be difficult to estimate the acreage of wheat correctly, but think about seven to eight thousand acres will cover the limit. Crops under irrigation on the Platte river about forty miles from here are re-ported in excellent condition, but acreage small. Collections at present slow, but prospects for better times soon.

Butler County. Our principal crop last year was corn which was almost a failure on account of the drouth. The acreage of corn this year over that of last is about 10 per cent. Prospects are the best we have ever known for a large crop and good prices. While crops are more diversified, more land is being broken and planted. Flax is a very good crop in this county, with which most of the new breaking is sown the first year. Oats about the same acreage as last year. Wheat 10 per cent greater acreage and prospects for a good yield never better. The potato crop is also promising to be good. Collections are slow, due to failure of crops last year, but trade is more for cash. The credit system is passing away, mortgages are being paid off, about three releases are filed to one mortgage, and most mortgages are only renewals or for bal-ance of purchase money. Our county never had better prospects than at present; with prices good and an abundance of rain and warm weather everything will come out in

Buffalo County. The principal crop in this section last year was corn, which owing to the drouth was almost a failure. The acreage of corn this year, is perhaps a little less than last year. Acreage of wheat much larger than for several years, and prospect for a good crop never looked better, if it is not damaged in harvesting by the heavy rains we are having; have heard of no injury as yet. The corn crop is somewhat backward, a little weedy owing to the excessive rains, but is doing well and with favorable weather in July and August, will make a large crop. Collections have been very slow, but our merchants generally are in good condition, and if the present prospects of good crops are realized, we think, without a doubt that during the fall and winter, trade and collections will be

excellent.

The principal crop here last year was corn and the crop here this year will average 90 per cent more than that of last. There is also a much greater acreage of oats, wheat, etc. There never was a failure of crops in this county and the prospects for this year are much better than herotofore. Farmers are prosperous and happy, and if the weather continues fay orable from this on there will be an immense crop of everything. Collections are fair, trade not heavy, but merchants seem satisfied and farmers are work-ing off some old debts with the high priced

Panner County.

No crops last season worth speaking of on account of drouth. Acreage this year about same but more diversified. We have much more wheat, barley and rye, about the same of oats and less corn. Corn healthy but smail. Wheat, rve, oats and barley could not be better. Rye filling, wheat and barley heading. We never saw a better prospect in any country for small grain than we have Season so far has been favorable; have had no buil.

Blaine County

The principal crop last year was coro. The acreage this year is considerably less than last for reason of crops being more diversified. Crop this year, wheat, oats, parley, rye and corn, with prospects of a good crop of small grain. Entire failure last year on account of drouth. Plenty of rain so far this year. Corn a little slow on account of Collections are slow but the future looks

more promising. Merchants feel that a good crop will set things aright and loosen up the money market. Farmers are hopeful.

Cuming County.

Principal crop last year was corn. Acreage this year is 5 to 10 per cent larger than last, and present prospects, if rain soon discontinues, better than at this time last year. Last year was the best year here farmers ever had on account of fair crop; and high prices received, and that influence is being felt now in all legitimate lines of business, especially for lumber and hardware trade. Collections easy and ready sale of farm lands.

Cherry County. The crops heretofore grown in this country are wheat, corn, oafs, rye and potatoes, without special prominence being given to any one product. This year the acreage of wheat one product. This year the acreage of wheat is largely increased and prospects pronitions for a bountiful harvest. Rains have been abundant and every condition particularly favorable for the farmer. We have never had a failure of crops in this county. Merchants are doing a prosperous business and we have no trouble with collections. Farmers are copy as is the case in all now county. ers are poor, as is the case in all new coun

tries, but hopeful.

Chase County. Principal crops last year were wheat and orn. Acreage this year about the same as last; not quite so much diversified this year as last. Wheat and corn never looked better since the county was opened out. Wheat and corn were failures last year, owing to the high winds, wet and cold weather in the spring and the excessive heat and drouth in July and August. Collections are slow at present, but with present prospects of crops will be good after harvest. Farmers and merchants are much encouraged.

Colfax County.

The principal crop last year was corn. The acreage of corn this year is considerably more than that of last, as more than the usual percentage of the farming is directed to the corn crop this season. There is about the usual acreage of wheat (which in this ommunity is always very light) and somewhat less than the usual acreage of oats, Crops of all kinds are looking unusually good for this season of the year. Corn, however, lacks the usual amount of cultivation owing to rainy weather. Prospects are very good for a full harvest this fall.

Cheyenne County.

There were no crops last year to speak of owing to drouth. There is a large acreage of wheat, rye and potatoes this year. Rye is very fine, wheat and potatoes look fine, out not yet assured. Corn is a very fine stand but small, owing to the wet cold weather. Collections are slow; but little to sell and many must be carried, and if carried accounts will be realized on. A few farmers have hay bottoms to rely on and these are doing well. Merchants who attend strictly to business are doing fairly well. Prospects for good crops of all kinds were never better. and unless something unforeseen occurs we think the year will be closed in a prosper-This is the finest country for ous condition. sheep in the world. We have a few flocks and want more.

Cass County.

The principal crop last year as this is corn, the acreage this year being perhaps 10 per cent more than last. Corn is a little backward and quite weedy, owing to the excessive rains and low temperature. Other cercals average nearly the same as last year. Crops of all kinds never looked better, everything looking thrifty and unusually free from nsects. Farmers are hopeful and discontent is fast disappearing. Collections are slow. Many of the farmers are holding their corn awaiting developments as to the future. Un certainty is largely the cause of slow collec-tions, but prospects for increased activity in business and commercial circles are good. Our county may safely be styled today a happy and prosperous people.

Custer County.

The principal crop of last year was corn, acreage three-fourths, small grain onefourth. The corn crop was a failure, and small grain only a third of a crop owing to the drouth. This year the corn acreage is increased nearly a third over that of last, while wheat probably doubles the acreage of any previous year, there is also a small increase in the acreage of oats and potatoes. All acreage is short of what it would have been (except corn) owing to the shortage of seed. Rye has been largely sown this year but looks thin. All crops are looking ex-ceedingly well for this time of year, could not look better, except that the continued rains of late, with the cool cloudy weather, is keeping corn back, while the weeds continue to grow. Collections are slow, and will continue so until after harvest, still people seem to be living within their means as near as possible and are exerting every effort to square up this fall. They seem gen-erally to have held on to a little money to tide them through the summer, which helps out our merchants; all of whom will doubtless come out all right. They report fair trade, with a slight increase, and if the present good prospects for crops are realized, we will, o doubt, close the year in a very prosperous condition.

The principal crop last year was corn, but groos of all kinds last year were a failure owing to the drouth. The acreage this year is not as large as last. We should estimate it at about 90 per cent. Crops are more diversified this year than ever before. There s 100 per cent more winter wheat sown this year than before, which is in good condition. Spring wheat and oats are also in good condition, although the oats have grown so large that they are likely to lodge if this wet weather continues till harvest. Rye is in excellent condition and is beginning to ripen There is a large acreage of potatoes planted which are doing extraordinarily well. The tubers are already as large as eggs and there proves to be an unusually large number in a hill. A large number of farmers have planted sugar beets, mostly as an experi-ment. They are in good condition, although the weather has been very unfavorable or the destruction of weeds and some of the fields are needing work badly. The prespects for good crops in small grain was never better unless damaged in harvest by wet weather. The corn crop is backward as far as growth is concerned, owing to so much cold wet weather, but it has made a wonderful growth during the past week of hot weather. The fields are pretty weedy. However, a few days of favorable weather will appear well with the crops of former Cattle were in a poor condition, owing to the scarcity of food during the winter, but are now on grass and fat. The prospects for this part of the state are unusually good Collections are hard to make just now, but the farmers are promising to pay after harvest and they will be able to do so from the present outlook. The fruit eron is without doubt the fargest that this part of Nebrasia has ever had. Merchants expect a big trade this fall and are in good spirits.

- Dawson County.

The principal crop last year was wheat, which was not more than a half crop. Corn was a complete failure owing to the drouth and hot winds. The acreage of wheat this year is 25 per cent greater than last. Corn acreage about the same as last, also rye and potatoes. - Barley is a very heavy crop and soon ready for harvest. The prospects of good crops of all kinds have not looked so favorable in five years as at the present time. Corn is somewhat backward on account of vet and sold weather, but is growing nicely collections are good and the merchants report a fair trade, and if present prospects of n a prosperous condition this fall.

Dundy County. The total acreage of crops last year was

341, consisting of wheat, corn, oats and potatoes. The average yield was very small owing to the drouth. There is about onethird increase in acreage this year over that of last. Wheat is estimated to yield seventeen bushels to the acre: oats, twenty-seven bushess. Corn and potatoes are fair to good. The general prespects of all kinds of crops this year are the best we have ever known. ctions are atili alow, but everybody is more hopeful.

Deuel County. The principal crop last year was wheat, but owing to the drouth and hot weather it

was a very poor yield. Hay was a goop crop where land was irrigated. The acreage, this year is larger than last year if any difference, vear is larger than last year if any difference, mostly small grain, which is looking very fine. Corn is somewhat backward and weedy on account of the cold, wet weather, but is looking good, Collections are better but not good as yet, as the farmers will have nothing to sell until after harvest. The outlook for farmers and merchants is the best ever known since the settling of the county.

Douglas County.

The principal crop last year was corn, which was good, as was almost all the cropshere last year. There is an increase of 10 per cent in the acreage this year over that of last, and the prospects were never better for a full harvest if there is not too much rain. There is very little wheat raised in this valley. Potatoes failed last year, but prospects are good for this year's crop, with about the same acreage as last. Cucumbers, squashes, melons and sweet corn are raised here in the valley very extensively for seed purposes. The hay crop this year will be immense, but the acreage is cut down considerable by breaking prairie, perhaps 10 per cent. The dairy product is large here; milk and cream, little butter, slight increase over last year. Collections are generally very prompt in this section, some few are slow, but the future prospects for both farmers and merchants have never been better, and if the present prospects are realized our county will be in a very prosperous condition this fall.

Fillmore County.

The principal crops grown in Fillmore county are corn, wheat, oats and flax. The corn and flax crop last year was almost a failure. Oats were light, wheat fair, failure caused by drouth. Corn has always been the staple here, but last year showed an increase in wheat, and the great success of the latter and partial failure of corn has caused almost a revolution. In driving through the country corn and wheat seem almost to have changed their relative positions as to acreage, and from the present outlook there is bound to be a great surprise to the statistical world when Nebraska rolls in her wheat this fall. Oats are good, with the usual acreage. Corn is inte and not quite up to the usual size owing to the cold, wet weather, but good color, good stand and if warm weather comes will-make a fine crop. Collections are slow and most be until crops are harvested. No surplus over from last year to meet maturing debts and extensions pretty general. Prospects for future trade above the average.

Furnas County.

The principal crop last year was wheat and corn, but very little raised on account of drouth and hot winds. The acreage this year is about the same as last, crops more diversified, consisting of wheat, rye, barley, oats, corn, potatoes and other vegetables, broom corn, cane, etc. The crop prospect this year is the finest this county has ever known especially small grain, corn a little late but doing well. Trade is dull. It is impossible to make collections now, every-body wants to pay after harvest. Farmers are all at work in their fields. The future prospects for the merchants and the farmers here are bright indeed. Nathing but hail here are bright indeed. Nothing but hall

Franklin County. Crops last year principally corn and wheat, ome oats, rye and barley. This year will be about the same with a slight increase in acreage, especially in small grain. Small grain is tooking exceedingly well and prospects of a good crop very favorable. Corn is rather backward on account of cool weather

and continued rains but looks well, and prospects are for a good crop. Frontier County. Last year's corn crop a failure. Wheat averaged one-fourth crop. This year, acreage one-fourth larger than last. Oldest resi-

dents say they never saw better prospects

for crops of all kinds than is shown at the present time. Collections are slow, but future prospects of merchants and farmers are

Grant County. There are no crops raised in this county. It is a stock raising county, and stock of all kinds doing nicely. The grass crop last year was sufficient to take care of our own stock. about eighteen thousand head, besides feed ing and taking care of over seven thousand head of cattle brought in from Utan, Wyoming, Kansas and the southeastern part of Nebraska. Grant county is the only western county of the state that never asked assist ance from the state or government. The ontlook for hay this year is good. Our merchants are doing well, but a great deal of money is sent east by our ranchmen for the purchase of all kinds of confinedities. The cause is high prices and insufficient stock of The sand hills is not a farming coun try, but for stock they beat the world.

Greeley County. The principal crop last year in this county was wheat and a good crop was raised in some places. Corn was a failure, on account of drouth and hail. Acreage this year is about 10 per cent more than last," Crops of all kinds are excellent, especially wheat and oats. Corn crop a little backward on account of so much wet weather, but is now growing fast and looks well. Prospects in this county were never so bright for farmers. Collections on account of last year's failure of Trade among merchants good and prospects good, both for merchants and farmers, provided the weather remains favorable for crops. Hall is the only thing that can do us much damage now.

Gosper County.

The crops last year were very short, there was but little corn and wheat, no oats or vegetables, and hay was almost a total failure. Acreage this year one-third more than last and there is more small grain: The prospec's for a full crop of everything was never more flattering than now, Corn is a little backward but growing rapidly. Harvest will commence soon. Wheat is expected to run from twenty to thirty bushels per acre. Collections are slow owing to last year's fail-ure of crops, and owing to this fact it is almost impossible to borrow money on any security. Trade is slow but mostly for eash. If the present good outlook of crops are realzed the future of the merchants and farmers will indeed be good this fall.

Gage County. The principal crop last year was corn, flax, oats, wheat and rye, very little raised owing to the drouth. Crops this year consists of corn, wheat and oats, very fittle flax. All small grain looks fine and this prospects are

good for a full harvest. Corn as rather small but doing nicely. Collections slow. Mer-chants report trade not flattering, but in view of good crops this fail with fair prices we think the future of merchants and Jarmers very good.

Garfield County. The principal crops last year was corn

wheat and oats. Acreage this year about the same as last, but more small grain sown this year than last. Small grain looks fine. Oats never looked better at this season of the year. Corn is backward on account of so much rain. Collections slow but prospects good for an active trade this fall.

Hall County.

Corn and oats were the principal crops of last year. The acreage is 10 per cent more this year. Corn, oats, rye, barley, millet and considerable flax are being raised this year. Prospects were never better. No failure yet. Collections rather slow. Farmers feeling good and renewing promptly. Present trade is quiet. Merchants confident of increased trade this fall over any previous. More wheat this year than last. Prospects good Small grain is excellent. Corn is about two weeks late; good stand. Rains have in jured the sugar beets some, but prospects are

Hitchcock County.

The principal crops last year were wheat and corn; it was a failure, caused by drouth and hot winds. The principal crops this year are wheat and corn. The acreage is somewhat less on account of so many moving away, those here have a lagre erop out. Es timate the acreage as follows: Wheat, 85 per cent; corn, 80 per cent. The condition of the spring wheat is the best ever known in this section, bids fair to average from twenty to thirty-five bushels to the acre. Harvest will begin in about two weeks. It comprises

about 75 per cent of the wheat sown. Winter per large very there wheat not as good on account of the dry fall and heavy snows in the winter. Yield, eight and heavy snows in the winter. Yield, eight to twenty-five by the acre. Per cent of wheat sowh, twenty-five. Corn is backward on account of cold, wet weather, also weedy, good stand. With favorable weather the next two months, a big crop. Barley and oats promise a big yield. Acreage 80 per cent of last year. Broom corn promises well, 80 per cent acreage. Hay and afaifa best ever known. While the acreage of all crops are about 80 per cent of last year it is on account of many moving out of the county. Those fagmers here have put out a larger crop than they ever did before. Collections are slow, no money in the county; lections are slow, no money in the county; everything is held off until after harvest. The future prospects of both merchants and

The future prospects of both merchants and farmers are very flattering.

The prospects for a lagge crop of all kinds of small grain in Hitchcock and adjoining county never looked more favorable than at the present time. The acreage is also greater than ever before in this county. We have had an abundance of rain in this locality this far, which has been very favorable to all kinds of small grain. The amount of rain we kinds of small grain. The amount of rain we have had has kept corn back some, and therefore corn is not as forward as it has been in previous years at this time of the year, but we have been having quite warm weather the last two weeks, which has been very fa-vorable to corn, and corn at the present time is growing very rapidly, and everything at present indicates a large crop of corn, should the balance of the season remain favorable. The prospect for a small grain crop is splen did. Wheat, it is thought, will average twenty bushess per acre throughout the county. Corn is suffering from too much rain. There is a large acreage of small grain

as compared with last year, and a small acreage of corn. Prospects are very encouraging.

Harlan County. Corn principal crop last year; acreage greater this year. Small grain acreage greater than ever before; an immense crop in sight. Corn is a little weedy owing to heavy and continuous rains. There has been the most rain this year ever known in this county, and the best prospects for crops of all kinds. Collections are duli, so is trade, owing to the failure of crops last year and the scarcity of money. There has never been as good crops in this part of Nepraska before. Farmers here are getting in a good position. Unless a hail storm comes we shall have a nice, brisk trade for the coming year. This part of the country is improving very ran-idly. The general condition of crops in this county is far better than any year for the past twelve years. The small grain especially is very thrifty in growth, almost ready for harvest, and will be abundant in yield. The acreage in small grain is probably 40 per cent over last year, while the yield will show an increase of between 300 and 400 per cent over last year. The principal crop last year was wheat, the drouth extending through the summer and fall making the corn crop almost a failure. The crops are more diversi-fied this year than last. The acreage planted to alfalfa and other tame grasses will show an increase of 500 per cent over any previous year. The small truits, cherries, plums and pears will be abundant. Nothing can now prevent the greatest crop of small grain and hay ever known in this country. The continued wet season has made the corn rather backward. Trade is improving. The prospects for the merchants and farmers both is very bright, and old collections are being se-cured, and getting in shape for payment.

Hamilton County.

The crops last year were mostly corn and oats. Some flax sown, but mostly a failure on account of drouth. Some fair crops here of flax and oats. Corn a failure this year. Oats are fine. Considerable fall and spring wheat and both look splendid. Corn is by far the larger acreage, and good stand, but rather weedy; but several days of dry weather would fix this. Prospects for a large vield in fact for all crops are looking favorable. Collections poor at present, with fair prospects. The principal crop last year was corn and oats, and there is an increased acreage of both this year over last. There is a diversity of crops this year, a good deal of flax having been sown, together with tame grasses. Crops up to June 24 never looked better or promised Better returns. The night of June 24 occurred the largest and most extensive rain storm that ever visited the county, doing a great deal of damage to the crops, which may only prove slight, but the corn is becoming weedy and unless fair sets in soon, the crop will duced. Collections are very slow and the prospects for trade with merchants all depend on the crops.

Hayes County.

The principal crop last year was corn, there has been about double the amount of wheat put in this year. There is about the same acreage of corn, oats, rye, potatoes, flax, etc The crops are more diversified, each farmer having in a little of the above. The prospects never were better for a large crop Small grain of all kinds usually well. Corn is a little backward but improving. It has rained so much that farmers have been kep out of the fields and the corn is somewhat weedy. Collections are slow, the farmers having to use all their money to buy feed, and to harvest their crops. The prospects for the future are good. The merchants report trade as improving. They are doing business on a cash system and thus have about as much cash as usual with but one or two exceptions.

Howard County.

The principle crop raised in this county last year was wheat, other crops were a partial failure on account of dry weather although the county produced much more than sufficient to supply the local demand. Crops are more diversified this year. Many farmers seeding to flax, millet and barley besides the staple cereals. There is a much larger average of corn than ever before Acreage of wheat, oats and rye somewhat smaller on account of searcity of seed. Prospects for abundant crops were never better in the history of the county. Collections are very difficult from our county creditors. Trade is good in all lines and prospects for all classes of business in future could not be

Holt County.

Principal crops last year, corn, oats, wheat, rye and hay, all of which was fair excepting corn, which was below the average. Hay extremely heavy. All prices good. Acreage this year materially increased. Small grain heavy, looking fine and a good crop now almost assured. Corn late, but growing now, and although too wet in some places, with favorable weather will make a good crop. Our county is just now in the most healthy and prosperous condition it has ever been, particularly the farmers, and with good crops harvested this year, the merchants will begin to feel the effect. Everyone here feels very much engineraged.

Jefferson County.

The principal crop last year was corn, that is to say, more acres in corn than in any other crop. The average of corn this year, it is thought is not quite as large as last year, owing the late spring. Corn is looking well, that is a good stand and looks healthy but not as forward as last year, but prom ises well. Wheat and oats now bid fair for the largest crop we ever raised in this county, and all, as far as known, is winter wheat and most of it, with good weather, will be ready to harvest next week. Oats are looking extremely well and if no windstorms with rain to break them down, will also be heavy crop. The acreage both in wheat and oats are larger than last year. Our crops in this county are well diversified. Collections are somewhat dull; not more so than in for-

Principal crops in 1890, corn, wheat, flax and oats. The acreage of corn is about the same as in 1890. Good stand, but small and weedy owing to the excessive wet weather. Prospects for crops fairly good at this time. The yield in 1890 was short by reason of arouth. Wheat promises to be a very heavy crop. The acreage is 25 per cent larger than in 1890. A large amount will be ready to harvest within ten days. The average yield in this county in 1890 was thirty bushels per acre. Fine quality. The prospects for eror now are better than they were in 1890 Nover was such a prospect for wheat as there is now in this county. Oats were a fair crop in 1890. Acreage this year about the same as 1890 and prospects good. Flax in 1890 was a failure. There was a large acreage. This year the acreage is less by 15

cent and prospects fine for crop. Collections just now slow owing to the fact is nothing being sold bring in money. Collections have been good up to this month and trade has been fairly Collections have been good good. Our merchants have been prosperous and anticipate a heavy trade as soon as harvest or small grain is out of the way. It looks now as though southeast Nebraska would have the largest crop of all kinds of produce and fruit ever grown in this section. Crops generally look fine. Too much rain for corn and wheat. Wheat will not be over half crop. Oats full crop. Flax full crop. Corn looks fine considering disadvantage in cultivating. Principal crops last year corn and flax, and this year corn and wheat. In this section of the county collections are good. will be better when the erop commences to move in about three weeks.

Knox County. Principle crop last year was corn, wheat and oats. We had fair crop last year. Corn was cut some by drouth and hot winds, but we had quite a large surplus. Acreage this year about one-fourth larger than last year and much better put in and tended, and prospects are good for the largest crop we ever had. Collections are better this year than ever before. Future prospects of our farmers and merchants was never as good as at present. Fair crop and large prices helped us out last year. The crops in this county are at present most excellent. The acreage this year is about the same. There is at least one-eighth more small grain in the county this year than last. The stand in corn is fine and small grain never looked better. Collections are a little slow just at present, but with the outlook, no doubt, will oe good this fall.

Keith County. The principle crops last year were wheat, rye, oats, barley and corn. Acreage about 10 per cent less than last year in all and about in the same proportion. Acreage very large in wheat and corn. Prospects are very good. Nothing happening, wheat will yield twentyfive bushels per acre and all small grain is well along and in good condition. The prospects are good for a crop. We raised but little grain last season on account of the extreme dry weather. Business is quiet but all are hopeful, and indications are that business will be very good after harvest, or by July 15. This is the first season for three years that the farmers have all been happy, and while there is a great deal of stock here and it is doing well, yet we look to the farmer for the most of our trade.

Kimball County. The crop last year consisted of wheat, oats, bariey, rye and corn and some flax. About the same acreage of small grain this year; less flax and corn. Almost a total failure of all kinds of grain last year from frouth. All kinds of grain looking fine this year; plenty of rain; corn backward but growing nicely. Wheat, oats and barley will mature without any more rain and wheat will average twenty bushels per acre. wheat will average twenty bushels per acre, Hall is all that can come in the way of a good crop of small grain. Potatoes are fine and quite an acreage planted. Early potatoes are just about ready for use. Collections good in this vicinity. Cheese factory paying out about \$300 per month for milk. Has been in successful operation for three years.

Kearney County.

Small grain raised last year. Very little corn. Acreage is about the same. Prospects for crop is good. Small grain first class. Corn good stand. Color a little backward on account of rain and cool nights. Collections are slow on account of last year's corn crop. Prospects good for collections next year. Lincoln County.

Last year more than one-half the crop failed n account of the drouth; corn was a complete failure. This year the prospects for a large crop are very good. The crops for this year are unprecendented and the acreage is 50 per cent more than has ever before been planted. Corn is a little slow on account of neavy rains, but warm weather has come new and a very large crop, larger than ever before, is expected. At present collections are slow and also trade, as the county and state had to support a great many who failed last year. The prospects for both merchant and farmer in the future were never brighter than at present. Small grain safe. Wheat and corn, 20 per cent more this year than last, more land being put in cultivation. Larger percentage of wheat than last year over corn. Prospects this year better than and best we ever had. Crops cut short one-half last year by drouth.

Logan County.

About six thousand acres of corn planted this year. No corn raised last year on account of drough. Corn looks well but a little late on account of cold wet weather during May and the fore part of June, but is doing well now. About four thousand acres of wheat which looks very fine, about two thousand acres of tye which looks very fine, one thousand acres or oats and one thousand acres of barley, both looking good. About two thous-sand acres of potatoes; were never better. Ouite an acreage of millet. Collections are low at present but will be better when crops begin to move. Merchants here are having a fine trade and prospects very good. Mostly cash sales.

Loup County. Last year we had no crop to speak of as we were in the drought region. Crops in this county this year could look no better, and we have every prospect for a big orop, wheat and corn are the principal crop. The outlook for collections this fall is good. With a good crep the farmers will be in good shape. In fact the outlook for everything is good.

Mercick County

The principal crop last year in this county was outs and corn and the average in these for the present year is about the same as last year. There was some wheat and flax raised here last year. Last year the wheat crop was good. The average in wheat is little larger this year than last. Oats about the same: Crops of every kind were looking very good before the recent rains. Prospoets are very good, notwithstanding the rains, for a very good crop of corn, oats, flax and wheat. Merchants are doing remarkably well in the face of the failure of last year's crops. Collections are promptly made by merchants here, but collections on farmers for machinery, etc., are impossible to make intil present crop is marketed. Prospects for future trade are good. Should the wet weather continue long it will prevent farmers from attending their corn and that crop will

Madison County. In common with other parts of the state

our principle crop is corn. The acreage this year is about the same as last. The prospects this year are excellent. There about 2,500 acres of sugar peets planted this year, which with us is a new crop. This is mostly planted by farmers in five and ten acre tracts, it being a new crop, and hence somewhat ex-perimental, farmers did not plant a large acreage. This crop, however, is thriving vonderfully and now promises a yield beyond the predictions of the most sanguine. The acreage of wheat and oats is somewhat larger than last year and both now promise an abundant yield. Trade at this point has never been better than at this writing. There ould not be for both merchants and farmers

better prospect. Nemaha County.

The principal crop last year was corn and wheat. The average this year is about the same as last with much better prospects, here being more fall wheat and less spring wheat. The corn crop was a comparative failure last year except a narrow belt of two or three miles along the Missouri river on account of the dry weather. Collections are good as is also the present condition of trade and the future prospects of merchants and

Nance County. Larger average of corn and oats. Prospects

for all crops first class. Rather too much rain but no harm done here yet.

Corn was the principal crop last year and the hot dry weather made it a failure, and a great many of the farmers had to buy to

them through. There is a large average of flax raised in the county. Wheat and oats were good last year. The principal crop this year is corn, and as near as can be learned the average of small grain is larger this year than last. There never was a bet-ter prospect at this time of the season than there is now. All kinds of crops look splen-did. Collections are good, and merchants are all having a good trade, and it is mostly cash. It is thought that the prospects were never better in Nance county and all are fully good.

Nuckells County.

Principal crop last year was corn. Crops more diversified this year, acreage of corn about two-thirds of last year. Large acreage of fall wheat and oats; they think wheat will yield an average of twenty-five to thirty bushels per acre. Oats from forty to fifty bushels. There is also quite a large acreage of flax which looks well and is in flourishing condition, Collections are hard now, but parties have been able to renew and socure all farm paper. Collections will be much better after small grain is harvested which will be about ten days. With a crop such as we now have prospects for, farmers and merchants will be in first class condition.

Otoe County."

Principal crop last year was corn. More

small grain this year. Say one-fourth more

oats, corn and flax than last year. Small grain never looked better. The yield through this section of the county will be immense. The only fear is that if the present heavy rains continue it will be damaged. At pres ent it is all right. Corn, the king, is late. Not as far advanced as usual, and a great deal of corn will not be heavy, as the farmers are not able to work it because of wet. The early planted and well worked is making big strides to eaten up, and present indications are that it will be big. Collections are fairly good and trade good, though just in this section it had a set-back by smallpox. Prospects are bright in the main both for farmers and merchants. Potatoes immense. King corn reigns supreme with 118,000 acres under cultivation and a crop of 200,000,000 bushels. There are as yet, no official floures of this There are as yet no official figures of this year's crop, but talks with farmers give us to understand that an increase in acreage of corn would be made this year. Other cereals, it is thought, will run as about last year. There are no signs of a failure of crops around here, although the heavy rains of the past week leave the corn rather weedy. We have had no difficulty with collections, aithough there is a tendency to be slow until fail. The general feeling as to future prospects is quite favorably inclined to a brisk fall business. Principal crop last year was corn. Fall wheat more largely sown this year than last. Prospects for all kinds of crops are very fine; could not be better. As to trade, collections are fair. Trade is fair, but the future prospects of nerchants and farmers never were better at this time of the year on account of crop out look and the certainty of better prices com pared with former years for the crops raised There is a great deal of fruit raised in this county and prospects are very fine for apples, peaches, etc. The small fruit crop is very large also.

Corn in Polk county is the staple and the

acreage this year is fully as great as last. The weather has been a triffe too cold for corn to make a rapid growth, but it is looking well, though a triffe smaller than usual at this date in other years. However, there is every prospect of an abundant yield. Oats is our next crop in importance and they are now about made and the yield will be simply immense. There is a small acreage of both fall and spring wheat and this is ready to harvest and the yield will be the heaviest per acre ever harvested in the ounty. Rye and barley are not much grown but the yield is good. Flax is also an important crop here, and while a few fields have been destroyed by insects, the crop upon the whole promises a good yield; in short, the present prospect is that Polk county will raise the largest crops ever grown within her borders this year. Col-lections at this time are slow, very slow, on account of the almost total failure last year, but within thirty days the stream of money will start and reach high water mark by January 1, 1892. In other words, an abundant crop this fall must make money plenty and collections good in the fall and winter months. Trade is fair but our merchants are crediting largely and must of ne-cessity be more or less in debt. The farmers of this county are about in the condition of other districts where the failure was total ast year. However, they are all in good shape and had plenty of seed and have planted and sown large crops and have had sufficient feed for the teams to enable them to take good care of the crops

The principle crops of Pawnee county last year were corn, oats, flax and wheat acreaga this year increased about one-tenth. More oats, corn and wheat and less flax than last year and the flax decreased. About one-half acrenge of corn, and outs about same as last year. Prospects for oats, wheat and flax very good. Corn small for the season of the year, owing to wet weather and cool nights, but with favorable weather from now on, will make good crop. Collections are about the same as last year, trade is fair and mer chants and farmers are very hopeful. Principle crop last year as well as this year, corn Acreage this year is an increase of 10 to 2 per cent over last. Fall wheat, acreage about the same comparatively. Corn last year was a failure, not to exceed one-third of crop, caused by drouth, or dry weather at the critical stage. This year corn promises ex-ceedingly well—15 to 20 per cent above an average. Wheat (fall wheat)—last year fell behind the average. This year the acreage is 15 to 20 per cent above last, and the yield will be about 20 per cent above the average it is thought. Outs doing well, acreag about the same; yield will be 10 to 15 pe ent better than last, but will be, thought, about an average yield with farmer. The potatee erop, acreage yield about an average, the first crop. Small fruit 25 to 40 per cent better on an average. Yield in acre age 10 to 15 per cent. Peaches yield 75 per cen better than average. Apples 50 per cent better than the usual average. Season good. Abundant rainfall.

Perkins County. The principal crops last year were wheat and corn and the same can be said of this year. Very few farmers have less than fifty acres of wheat, while some have nearly 200 acres. It is thought it will average somewhere about seventy-five acres to the farmers in the county. The wheat and oats crops were never better in this county. Some are already figuring on getting thirty bushels to the acre. Corn is not looking the best, owing to the cold weather, but is doing nicely. Potatoes are looking nicely. The principal crop of 1890 was wheat, which was not a good crop. Greater amount of wheat sown this crop. Greater amount of wheat sown this year than last. Prospects are simply immense. Crops more diversified than last year. Corn looking well. Potatoes will be a large crop. Western Neuraska is coming out on top. Never was a finer prospect for crops in any county. Collections are all right. Prospects are looking better for a good trade this fail. Everybody feeling jubilant. The bariey crop is the best ever seen and will be ready to harvest in two weeks. Oats will be a good crop, but have bever amounted to much before. Some few fields of alfalfa show a good crop. There will be plenty of wild hay put up this fall.

plenty of wild hay put up this fall. Platte County. Very little oorn was raised here last year.

The only crop was small grain. This year there is over twice as much small grain sowed as last year. Crops more diversified. A great deal of flax sown. All crops look well; prospects good. Collections good in our territory. Crops last year, corn, wheat and oats

Small increase of acreage over last year. Owing to drouth last year average about one third of crop. Small grain never looked bet-ter at this time in the season. If the rain lets up in time for it to ripen small grain will be immense. Corn looks well, but is late. Wild hav will make a big crop. Never knew Wild hay will make a big crop. Never know collections to be so slow among the farmers Susiness is quiet From present outlook times will be good this fall and winter.

Phelps County.

The principal crop last year was wheat, the diversified that year, but nothing was raised part had from one-fourth to one-third of a

uccessfully except small grains. The average this year is larger than last and is diversified—corn, wheat, oats, rye, barley, flax, milet, broom corn, etc., the first names being of the larger acreage. At this time the small grain crops are said to be the best ever seen in this county, and es pecially wheat, oats, rye and barley. Owing to the excessive rains farmers have not been able to cultivate their corn properly and some of it is weedy, but is growing nicely, and the prespects for a large corn crop is excellent. Owing to shortage last year collections are hard at this time, except for renewal and security, and money is in great demand. Trade, however, is brightening up and with an assured crop the prospects of our merchants for a large summer and fall

Pierce County.

Crop screage perhaps 15 per cent larger han last year. About same proportion of various crops. Principal crops wheat, oats and corn. Prospect for all crops are good at present, except corn is a little backward and in a few places has been troubled with cut worms. Indications are for at least an aver age yield of all crops. Small grain will probably yield 25 per cent more than last year, which was a little under average in amount. Collections are comparatively good. Trade is in average condition and future prospects of merchants and farmers are good, better it is thought than for several years past.

Rock County.

Corn and wheat were the principle crops ast year. Acreage this year is nearly twice that of last year, and the prospects are three imes as great as last year. Cool, rainy weather has made corn rather slow. Collections have been rather slow, but are getting some better. Prospects for the farmer and merchant are better than last year. Princi-ple crops last year were hay and corn. Corn not looking well owing to the high winds, while the plants were small on low grounds, the recent rains have injured the crop. Acro-age half greater than last. Hay bids fair to e a big crop. This crop, together with milk sold to the creamery, is the farmers way of raising money here. They are doing well, pay promptly, and if nothing happens out of mon all will go well here.

Richardson County.

Corn was a heavy crop here last year, though the small grain was the best last year that it has been for years. Corn last year was not over half a crop, but last year we had a heavy crop of apples, and all the old farms with orchards made up more on the apples than they lost on the corn. General crop acreage is a little increased this year, and small grain tooking fine. Just starting in the harvest fields. For the first time in several years we will have a large crop of peaches, and small fruit is all looking fine. Raspberries are \$2 per case in local market, cherries 5 cents per quart. The blackberry bushes are heavy with fruit, and in a few days will be in the market. Corn is growing very rapid; one farmer brought in a stock this week that was over seven feet tall. There has been considerable water on the low ground, but nothing serious further than a few fields of corn will yield small on account of the weeds.

Red Willow County.

The principle crop last year was corn, but it was an entire failure. Owing to the aid of seed furnished by the state and the necessity for marketing crops before the maturity of the corn crop, to relieve present distress, crops are much more diversified. There is in unusually large acreage of wheat, spring], rye and barley, and fully as iverage of oats. These crops all look very fine and the yield will be heavy. The acrease in corn is consequently slightly decreased, but the season being favorable for late plant-ing, the acreage is large. The wet weather of the past five weeks has retarded the growth of corn and also prevented its proper cultivation. The prospects, however, are good. Collections are slow and trade dull, owing to last year's crop failure. After the crops are in market we anticipate a good trade and market improvement, as our peo-ple will then purchase to relieve the distress

of their protracted self-denial Stanton County.

Principal crop last year was corn. Acreage this year about the same. Prospects so far are good. Collections are very fair Trade is dull at present, but prospects are good for the coming fall. This county last year had good crops of all kinds, and it havng brought a good price, the farmers and nerchants are in general good condition and collections were never better than at present. We have a diversified crop in this consisting of corn, wheat, rye, oats and bar ey, and all of these crops are looking fine. The small grain is in excellent condition, but corn is a little backward on account of oarly drouth and followed by too much rath. There is an increased acreage of all kinds of crops. A great deal of raw prairie was broken in this county last year and a great deal more is being broken out this year than last. During the last nine years in this county there has not been a single crop fail-

Sheridan County.

In 1890 wheat was the principal crop. In 891 the wheat crop prospects are excellent. Acreage increased some in rye and corn. Rye thin on the ground, Corn backward, Colections extremely slow and difficult. Wheat seemed to be the principal crop last year. The acreage is one-fourth more. The prospects are good for this year. No failure thus far. Collections are slow at present on account of faiture last year. Prospects will be be better when crop is harvested. The pros-pects for crops are better than they have ever seen in northwest Nebraska. It is generally crown that there are many poor and inexpedenced farmers here and that accounts some pieces of grain looking poorly, but the crop prospects in general is fine with a large Collections are poor among the acreage. Collections are poor among the farmers, but a great many are securing old claims.

The principal crop last year in this county was corn with a small acreage of flax, oats and wheat. This year the crops in this county are more diversified with about the same acreage of corn as last year, but a large increase in the crop of oats, rye and wheat, with flax about the same acreage as last year. The total increase of acreage this year we estimate for this county at about 10 per cent greater than last year. The corn crop in this county last year was very light caused princi-pally on account of the grouth. The corn prospect this year for this county is abou-the average, although the wet we ther has the average, although the week we that has caused it to become somewhat weedy and four. The out crop until the last few days never looked better, and will come out all right with plenty of dry weather and plenty of sun. The rye crop is immense and the wheat is much above the average and flax excellent. The fruit proposits were never cellent. The fruit prospects were never better than now, and our county has just reaped the benefit of a pountful cherry crop. The collections in this county have been very slow for the past six or eight months and mercantile trade with morchants has been only moderate, but the prospects now are that the merchants and farmers will be in good condition for trade the coming year. The only thing that we need now to insure nountiful crops is dry weather and plenty of sun for the next twenty or thirty days. Taking all things into consideration, we have never had a better prospect in this county

than we have at this time. Corn is our principal crop usually, oats and flax taking a prominent place. In 1893 from drouth very little if any of the above were produced. Now, June 25, 1891, we have a grand showing for small grain and dax; in fact, the growth is almost too great—is getting down to some extent.

More sorting whost was sown this season

More spring wheat was sown this season than formerly for some years. Just at present we are at a loss to know how to estimate the corn crop. When cultivation began the stand was good, but continued wet weather has induced the worms and grubs to work
upon it, reducing the stand by perhaps oneeighth and the plant is somewhat lacking in
color. With drying weather for the next
thirty days we shall reap money. Collectious must be a little slow with us until we

get a harvest. Faunders County.

Corn is our main crop in shis county. Last year we had about half a crop in the county on an average, the castern part of the county core crop being mostly a failure. Crops were | having nearly a full crop, while the western